## In the Supreme Court of Iowa

Request for Public Comment Regarding Recommendations of the Iowa Supreme Court 2012 Child Support Guidelines Review Committee JAN 2 5 2013

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By order dated June 11, 2012, this court established the 2012 Child Support Guidelines Review Committee (Committee) to assist the court with its four-year review of Iowa's Child Support Guidelines as required by federal law and state statute. The Committee conducted an exhaustive examination of Iowa's child support guidelines that included study of current data on child-raising costs and other economic measures, analysis of information about the number of deviations from the current Iowa guidelines, comparison of Iowa's guidelines with child-rearing measures and with the guidelines of other states, consideration of the findings and recommendations of the Iowa Child Support Advisory Committee, and consideration of other information deemed necessary and useful for thorough review of the current Iowa child support guidelines. Recently, the Committee submitted its report and recommendations to the court.

The Committee's 20 separate recommendations include updates and adjustments to Iowa's Schedule of Basic Support Obligations, the Medical Support Table of Iowa Court Rule 9.12(4), the Computation Grids of Chapter 9 of the Iowa Court Rules, the Child Support Guidelines Worksheets, and other updates and changes to Chapter 9 of the Iowa Court Rules.

Prior to taking further action on the proposed recommendations, the supreme court seeks public comment on the Committee's report and recommendations. The report and recommendations are available at http://www.iowacourts.gov/Reports/. In addition, copies of the report and recommendations are available at the office of the Clerk of the Iowa Supreme Court.

This request for public comment does not imply that any proposed recommendation will be adopted.

Any interested organization, agency, or person may submit written comments. Comments about a proposed rule change must refer to the specific rule number (for example, Rule 9.11(2)); comments about a recommendation must refer to the specific recommendation (for example, Recommendation to Adjust Low-Income Portion of Guidelines); comments about computation grids or worksheets should refer to specific lettered rows or sections; and comments on the Schedule of Basic Support Obligations must refer to the specific area of the schedule (for example, Area A—Low-Income Adjustment). Comments sent by email must be emailed to rules.comments@iowacourts.gov, must state "Guidelines" in the subject line of the e-mail, and must be sent as an attachment to the email in Microsoft Word format. Instead of submission by email, comments may be delivered in person or mailed to the Clerk of the Iowa Supreme Court, 1111 East Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, 50319.

Any comments received may be posted on the Iowa Judicial Branch website.

The deadline for submitting comments is 4:30 p.m. on March 26, 2013.

Dated this 25th day of January, 2013.

The Supreme Court of Iowa

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